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Date: September 27, 2006
From: Elaine Douskey, Supervisor, UST Section
To: Iowa Licensed Installers
Re: Temporary Certification for Compliance Inspectors

The Iowa DNR is preparing for a transition from field office inspections to compliance inspections conducted by Iowa Certified Inspectors, pursuant to Chapters 134 (certification of compliance inspectors) and 135 (biennial inspection requirements). This letter is to notify you of the opportunity to apply for temporary certification as a compliance inspector.

Regulated UST systems in Iowa must be inspected by December 31, 2007, by a certified compliance inspector. Subsequent inspections must be conducted biennially (every two years). It is the owner/operator's responsibility to contract with the compliance inspector to conduct an inspection and complete it within the scheduled time.

Temporary compliance inspector certification is effective until December 31, 2007, when the process for formal certification will be completed. To apply for temporary compliance inspector certification, you must

1. Be an Iowa licensed installer or licensed installation inspector,
2. Complete two EPA web-based training modules: "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Program" and "Basic UST Inspector Training,"
3. Pass the test, which is offered after the training modules are completed
4. Complete the application for temporary compliance inspector certification
5. Submit the application to the UST Section along with a certification fee of \$150
6. Register for and attend one of DNR's compliance inspector's training sessions.

The application form for temporary inspector certification can be found on the DNR UST Section website: <http://www.iowadnr.com/land/ust/index.html>, along with application instructions. There will be two training dates. The first one is November 14th, 2006, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Des Moines Botanical Center, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines 50316. When the second date is determined it will be posted on the website. You need attend only one training session.

After training and temporary certification, your name will be included on the list of Temporary Certified Compliance Inspectors on the UST Section website. Owners and operators may contact you then to schedule a compliance inspection.

The website address for the EPA training modules is: <http://www.neiwpcc.org/oust1.swf>. The training is followed by an exam consisting of 20 questions. When you complete and pass the exam (which may be taken more than once if necessary), print your certificate and submit it to the DNR UST Section along with the application, registration for training and a non-refundable check for \$150. Once you pay for temporary certification, you will not be required to pay again when the training and testing procedures are fully developed.

If you don't have access to the forms on a computer, contact Sherry Blaisdell (515.281.8865) to request the application and registration forms. Contact Tom Collins (515.281.8879 or Paul Nelson (515.281.8779) if you have questions about compliance inspector requirements.